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SUBJECT: IEA: SECOND MEETING OF STANDING GROUP ON
EMERGENCY QUESTIONS

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1. STANDING GROUP ON EMERGENCY QUESTIONS (SEQ) CHAIRED BY VAN RHIJN OF NETHERLANDS MET IN PARIS DECEMBER 18 AND 19 TO CONSIDER AND REPORT TO GB ON PROGRESS OF WORKING PARTIES ON BUNKERS AND DATA AND ALLOCATION.

2. COOPERATION WITH OIL INDUSTRY: EARLY IN MEETING, US DEL, AT CHAIR'S REQUEST, PRESENTED STATUS REPORT ON JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD OIL INDUSTRY COOPERATION IN IEP. US DEL EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS:

--CURRENT INDUSTRY COOPERATION PERMITTED ONLY UNDER INFORMAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE;

--USG CURRENTLY WORKING ON BROAD STRUCTURE OF PROCEDURES FOR PERMANENT INDUSTRY COOPERATION WITH IEP VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT;

--WITH JUSTICE APPROVAL, USG SUPERVISION, ETC., IT HOPED ADEQUATE PROCEDURES CAN BE WORKED OUT IN MATTER OF SEVERAL WEEKS.

US DEL STRESSED THAT MEANWHILE MUCH ADMINISTRATIVE WORK COULD PROCEED IN IEA/SECRETARIAT AND IN DATA AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY UNDER PRESENT CLEARANCE.

3. BUNKERS WORKING PARTY REPORT: BUNKERS WORKING PARTY CHAIRMAN SHERMAN (US) GAVE REPORT ON STATUS OF WP EFFORTS (USOEC D 29902) AND SUGGESTED THAT WP DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR NEXT SEQ MEETING. DESPITE EXPRESSION OF SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN BUNKERS BY SOME DELS, SEQ AGREED, AT CHAIRMAN VAN RHIJN'S SUGGESTION, TO POSTPONE STANDING GROUP CONSIDERATION OF BUNKERS AND LET WORKING PARTY FORMULATE PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION. NEXT BUNKERS WORKING PARTY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR PARIS JANUARY 7 AND 8.

4. NAPHTHA WORKING PARTY REPORT: VAN RHIJN REPORTED SWISS UNABLE CHAIR WORKING PARTY AND OBTAINED SEQ APPROVAL TO LOCATE SUBSTITUTE CHAIRMAN. VAN RHIJN REPORTED DIFFICULTY HAD DEVELOPED IN GETTING COMPANY RECONFIDENTIAL

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SPONSES ON REFINERY YIELDS OF NAPHTHA. SEQ APPROVED DELAY NAPHTHA WORKING PARTY MEETING UNTIL AFTER EXPECTED INDUSTRY REPORT IN MID-JANUARY, AND REQUESTED IEA/SECRETARIAT TO FORMULATE QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE CIRCULATED TO INDUSTRY.

5. STOCKS WORKING PARTY REPORT: CHAIRMAN HOOPER (CANADA) REPORTED FIRST MEETING OF STOCKS WORKING PARTY

WOULD TAKE PLACE JANUARY 30. WORKING PARTY WILL CONSIDER PROBLEM OF ESTIMATING MINIMUM OPERATING STOCKS (MOS) (CURRENTLY ASSUMED ARBITRARILY BY IEP AT 10 PERCENT OF TOTAL STOCKS), AND ATTEMPT DEVELOP STANDARD MOS EVALUATING SYSTEM FOR ALL COUNTRIES. HOOPER STRESSED THIS WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH OIL COMPANIES AND CAUTIONED THAT HIGH MOS ESTIMATES IMPLY GREATER STOCK BUILD-UPS TO MEET IEP TARGETS. HOOPER REQUESTED WORKING PARTY MEMBERS PREPARE COMMENTS ON REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR STOCK CATEGORIES LISTED IN IEP ANNEX, AND MAKE ESTIMATES OF POTENTIAL FREQUENCY OF SUBMISSION OF DATA.

6. DATA AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY (DAWP) REPORT: SEQ CHAIRMAN VAN RHIJN (ALSO WORKING PARTY CHAIRMAN) REPORTED THAT INDUSTRY WORKING PARTY (IWP) REPORT PREPARED UNDER DIRECTION OF GILLAM, BP, WAS CONSIDERED BY DAWP DURING MEETING IN HAGUE. DAWP ACHIEVED CONSENSUS

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ON DATA AND DATA FLOW ASPECTS OF INDUSTRY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DISCUSSED, BUT DID NOT RESOLVE, INDUSTRY PRO-
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POSAL TO SET UP AN INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD (IAB) CHARGED WITH MAKING BROAD POLICY INPUT TO IEA AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBORDINATE EMERGENCY INDUSTRY GROUP (EIG) TO DIRECT ACTUAL ALLOCATION. VAN RHIJN REPORTED MANY DELS, PARTICULARLY FRG, WERE CONCERNED THAT DATA BASED ON CRUDE AND CRUDE EQUIVALENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY COMPANIES, MIGHT NOT PROTECT VITAL INDUSTRIAL SECTORS DURING CRISIS. SEQ DISCUSSED ISSUE AT LENGTH AND DECIDED DATA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED ON CRUDE AND EQUIVALENT BASIS, WITH OPTION OF REPORTING BY PRODUCT. US DEL CAUTIONED NEED FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN ANY SUBMISSION BY COMPANIES TO IEA/SECRETARIAT AND NEED TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA. IEA SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT DATA WOULD BE USED ONLY FOR STATED PURPOSES OF IEP, AND WHATEVER RESOURCES REQUIRED WOULD BE USED TO PREVENT LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION FROM SECRETARIAT.

7. IT WAS STRESSED THAT DATA AND DATA FLOW PROPOSED WOULD BE PROVISIONAL AND USED ONLY TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR EVALUATION OF DATA SYSTEM. DATA WOULD NOT BE A BASIS FOR AN ACTUAL ALLOCATION. SEQ ALSO PROPOSED THAT COUNTRIES BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT DATA REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 33B ON NATIONAL DEMAND RESTRAINT PROGRAMS. MANY DELS (INCLUDING US, FRG, UK AND JAPAN) OBJECTED TO LEVEL OF DETAIL REQUESTED IN DRAFT SECRETARIAT QUESTIONNAIRE. SEQ AGREED THAT INITIALLY COMPLIANCE WITH FULL DETAIL OF QUESTIONNAIRE WOULD BE VOLUNTARY.

8. VAN RHIJN REPORTED DAWP HAD BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE ON ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDUSTRY ADVISORY/ALLOCATION BODY TO IEA. DELS OPINIONS IN DAWP RANGED FROM ADOPTING INDUSTRY SUGGESTION PERMITTING COMPANIES TO PHYSICALLY ALLOCATE OIL UNDER BROAD SUPERVISION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF IEA TO FORMING A SCHEDULING COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, IEA/ SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO ALLOCATE OIL. SEQ AGREED TO PUT MATTER OF ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE OF INDUSTRY/IEA LINK AND RESPONSIBILITY TO GB FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
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9. SEQ, AT CHAIR'S URGING, ADOPTED AMBITIOUS WORK PROGRAM FOR JANUARY WITH MEETINGS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

--JANUARY 7 AND 8 BUNKERS WORKING PARTY (PARIS)

--JANUARY 16 AND 17 DATA AND ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY (THE HAGUE)

--JANUARY 30 SEQ-3 (PARIS)

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